



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appellants: Linda G. Cima, Edward W. Merrill, and Philip R. Kuhl

Serial No.: 08/398,555

Group Art Unit: 1811

Filed: March 3, 1995

Examiner: Jeffrey E. Russel

For: *CELL GROWTH SUBSTRATES WITH TETHERED CELL GROWTH
EFFECTOR MOLECULES*

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.194, Appellants respectfully request an oral hearing in the appeal to the Board of Appeals from the Office Action mailed April 14, 1997, finally rejecting claims 1-32, the Advisory Actions mailed August 15, 1997 and September 16, 1997, and the Examiner's Answer mailed January 12, 1998.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$270.00, the fee for filing a request for oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences by a large entity as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(g). It is believed that no additional fee is required. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional

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fees to Deposit Account No. 01-2507. To facilitate this process, a duplicate of this Request For Oral Hearing is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,




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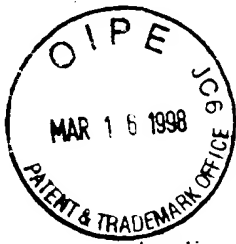
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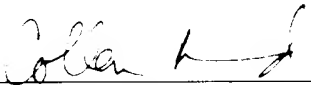
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TRANSMITTAL OF REPLY BRIEF

Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's Answer mailed January 12, 1998, enclosed is a Reply Brief, in triplicate. Submitted with the Reply Brief is a Request for Oral Hearing, along with the required fee. It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 01-2507. To facilitate this process, a duplicate of this Transmittal is enclosed.

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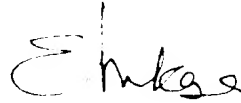
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